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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE/ICAF NIGERIA VISITS

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1. GOWON'S PRIVATE SECRETARY CALLED CHARGE MORNING MARCH 27 AND PROMISED LOOK INTO WAR COLLEGE QUESTION URGENTLY. AMBASSADOR OLISEMEKA INFORMED CHARGE EVENING OF 27TH THAT, AS HE HAD THOUGHT EARLIER (LAGOS 2447), FMG SCHEDULING DURING APRIL/MAY IS VERY HEAVY AND IT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATE EITHER NWC OR ICAF VISIT THIS YEAR. SAID HE HOPED THEY COULD BE RECEIVED NEXT YEAR.

2. CHARGE EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPOINTMENT AND ASKED PARTICULARLY IF ICAF VISIT COULD NOT BE CARRIED THROUGH IN VIEW OF ITS MORE SPECIALIZED INTERESTS AND LIMITED DEMANDS IT WOULD REPRESENT, BUT OLISEMEKA REITERATED THAT MEA AND OTHER FMG OFFICES ARE OVERLOADED DURING THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD, AND IT SIMPLY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: I AM GREATLY DISAPPOINTED, AS WE HAVE BE LOOKING FORWARD TO BOTH VISITS WITH PLEASURE AND ANTICIPATION, RECALLING HOW SUCCESSFUL THEY WERE LAST YEAR. THERE WAS HOWEVER, NO GIVE IN OLISEMEKA'S POSITION, AND I BELIEVE FURTHER APPEALS WOULD BE FRUITLESS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BEST WE CAN OFFER

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IS A BRIEFING OFFICER IF ONE OR BOTH COLLEGES WOULD WISH ONE TO

COME TO ANOTHER POST ON THEIR ITINERARY TO FILL THEM
IN ON NIGERIAN SITUATION.
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